

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/076,254

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 6 28.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-15, 17-62, 64-80 and 82-88.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

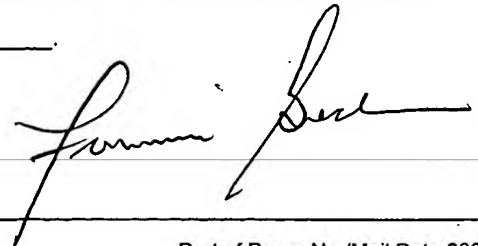
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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____



DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-15, 17-62, 64-80, and 82-88 are allowed over Leporini et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2003/0182579) in view of Pensak et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0029340).
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
 - a. Applicant discloses a server module executable in a server computer is configured to provide access control (AC) management for a group of users, software agents or devices with a need to access secured documents under the access control management. Within the server module, various access rules for the secured documents and/or access privileges for the users or software agents can be created, updated and managed so that the users, software agents or devices with the proper access privileges can access the secured documents if granted by the corresponding access rules in the secured documents. Applicant's concept is novel and innovative in the sense that it establishing a secured link with a client machine when an authentication request is received the client machine, the authentication request including an identifier identifying a user of the client machine to access the electronic data, wherein the electronic data is secured in a format including security information and encrypted data portion, the security information being encrypted and controlling restrictive access to the encrypted data portion as indicate in independent claims. Leporini et al teach in a storage medium having stored thereon conditional access information and content management information as a combined data

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unit. Pensak teach a system and method for encrypting electronic information so that access to the information can be controlled by the author or other controlling party.

Leporini et al taken alone or in combination with Pensak fail to teach establishing a secured link with a client machine when an authentication request is received the client machine, the authentication request including an identifier identifying a user of the client machine to access the electronic data, wherein the electronic data is secured in a format including security information and encrypted data portion, the security information being encrypted and controlling restrictive access to the encrypted data portion as indicated in Applicant disclosure.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

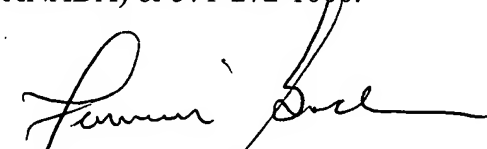
3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. (*see form 892*).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to FIRMIN BACKER whose telephone number is 571-272-6703. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew J. Fischer can be reached on (571) 272-6779. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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